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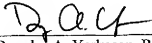
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's Notice of Allowance mailed October 26, 2006. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, applicants respectfully submit that payment of the issue fee does not constitute an acquiescence to the Examiner's statements regarding the prior art or reasons for allowance. Applicants further submit that the allowed claims each define patentable combinations which are allowable over the relied upon prior art. Please enter these comments in the application file.

Respectfully Submitted,



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